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SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

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SENATOR WEIHING: ...go back to the rural areas of the state. The center has been servicing the total part, that is the state in total, and I do not feel that under a single Board of Regents it isn't separated out. What it's doing when there's a single Board of Regents is bringing all of our institutions into the perspective and into an orientation that will best serve the people throughout the entire state.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, I rise to oppose Senator McFarland's amendment to the committee amendments. The issue that I would talk about is the issue of whether or not this is an appropriate amendment to LR 239CA. The issue that 239 deals with is the issue of governance and I fail to find in 239 anywhere the single name of any institution that we talk about. The amendment would have us now talk about institutions and what should be linked together and what should not. I would...I understand Senator Withem's need, I think, to probably deal with the amendment at this point, but I think it's more appropriate that this amendment, if it were going to be offered, be offered on LB 1141. I would oppose it then as well, but I think that the issue, as Senator Weihing and others have pointed out, is one of at what point do you say, I guess, what can you do for me? And that's really what it's boiled down to. I mean, the folks from the Lincoln campus feel that, I guess, UNMC can bring something to the Lincoln campus with regard to probably the issue of research. I think it might even be something along the lines of dollars, in terms of money, and I know that's rather basic for me to think that way but I tend to think that that might have something to do with the amendment that's offered. UNMC has done an outstanding job, as has the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, with regard to research, each in their own separate areas. Now the Omaha campus, the Med Center, is outstanding across the country with regard to some of the research and things that they have done in the world of medicine and they're recognized for that. To say that one cannot live with the other or that they should be put together because they both had a very broad responsibility in terms of